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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BANKS of Indiana).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
August 18, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM BANKS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Retired Chaplain, United States Navy, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we pray, reflect, or meditate in different ways but together ask Your blessing for this country that we love. We are far from perfect, but we have a perfect dream: liberty, justice—equality—for all.

On this date, August 18, we made progress in the past. We ratified the 19th Amendment, tearing down the wall that blocked a woman's right to vote; did what we do best when we are at our best; made a moral right a legal right, enshrining liberty in law.

This week we mourn the pain and death of neighbors—the clashes in the street, the shouted words of hate—attacks against the very dreams that remind us who and what we yearn to be.

And so we pray with words of song: America, America, God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

And let us say, Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution

481, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on August 11, 2017, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 339. To amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands.

H.R. 2288. To amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 76. Granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 481, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 9 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2244. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Captain Fred I. Pyle, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2245. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 115th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2246. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Recordkeeping Requirements for Qualified Financial Contracts (RIN: 3064-AE54) received August 11, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2247. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Dedicated-Purpose Pool Pumps [EERE-2016-BT-TP-0002] (RIN: 1904-AD66) received August 7, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2248. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; SC: Standards for Volatile Organic Compounds and Oxides of Nitrogen [EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0388; FRL-9966-22-Region 4] received August 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2249. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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